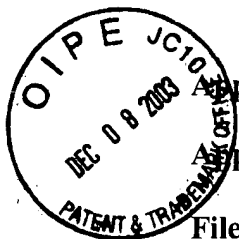


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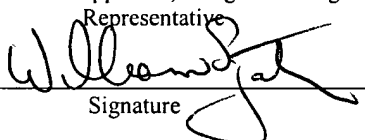
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**TRANSMITTAL OF SUPPLEMENTAL DECLARATION**

In the Office Action in the above-identified application mailed on June 18, 2003, to which a responsive amendment was filed on November 16, 2003, the Examiner found the Declaration of record to be defective because two of the inventors had failed to identify their citizenship therein. Applicant has attempted to secure a new Declaration with complete citizenship statements executed by all of the inventors, but so far has been unable to do so because several of the inventors, including Charles A. Kremers, have moved from their last known address.

Since all of the Inventors did join in the application by signing a Declaration filed in parent application U.S. Appl. No. 08/370,571 (a copy of which is attached as Exhibit A), it is submitted that the deficiencies in the original Declaration can be cured with a Supplemental Declaration respect to inventors Kremers and Harrell under 37 C.F.R. § 1.67(a)(2). Since Kremers and Harrell also appointed the undersigned as their attorney for all business in the U.S.P.T.O. in connection with U.S. Appl. No. 08/370,571 and any continuation applications thereof, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.64(b), the Supplemental Oath has been executed on behalf of Charles A. Kremers and W. Paul Harrell by the undersigned, as their duly appointed attorney.

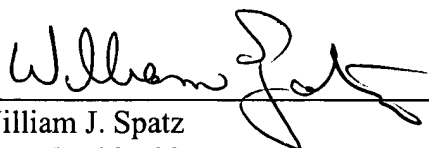
In making this Supplemental Oath, the undersigned has relied upon the stated citizenship of inventors Kremers and Harrell in the Declaration filed in the ultimate parent to this application, namely U.S. Pat. Appl. No. 08/184,377, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit B. On information and belief, inventors Kremers and Harrell did not change their citizenship in the time between their execution of the Declaration for U.S. Appl. No. 08/184,377 in January and February 1994 and their execution of the Declaration for U.S. Appl. No. 08/370,571 in January 1995.

For the foregoing reasons, it is submitted that the attached Supplemental Declaration satisfies the Examiner's requirement.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee deemed necessary for the entry of this document to Deposit Account No. 50-0540.

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